

REMARKS

This is in response to the Office Action dated May 26, 2009. In view of the foregoing amendments and following representations, reconsideration is respectfully requested.

By the above amendment, claim 1 is amended by incorporating the limitations of claim 4, and therefore claim 4 has been cancelled. Thus, upon entry of the above-amendment, claims 1-3 and 6-12 will be pending in the present application. Claims 1-12 were allowed in the previous Office Action. Note that the amendment to claim 1 does not raise any new issues that would necessitate further consideration and /or search.

In the previous Office Action, claims 1-9 are rejected as being anticipated by Brown et al. (GB 1,569,374). This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Independent claim 1 requires, inter alia, "said receiving portion of said base member comprising an arcuate recess and said locking member having part-circular recesses, wherein said arcuate recess of said base member is adapted to receive the side pin and said part-circular recesses of said locking member are adapted to hold the side pin in said arcuate recess of said base member."

Further, as indicated above, the limitations of claim 4 have been incorporated into claim 1. Thus, amended claim 1 now requires that "the wiper blade includes a pivot pin extending in a direction perpendicular to the longitudinal direction of the wiper blade, the base member having a joint portion adapted to be rotatably mounted to the pivot pin."

In the explanation of the rejection, the Examiner takes the position that the semicircular recesses of components 2 and 4 of the Brown reference (see Fig. 2) correspond to the arcuate recess (33A) of the base member (21) and the part-circular recesses (47, 48) of the locking member (22) of the present invention. However, it is submitted that the Examiner's

interpretation of the GB '374 reference is incorrect because the semicircular recesses of components 2 and 4 of the Brown reference actually correspond to the recess (32B) of the base member (21) and the recess (45, 46) of the locking member (22) of the present invention. Accordingly, the adaptor disclosed in GB '374 lacks any structure that corresponds to the arcuate recess (33A) and the part-circular recesses (47, 48) of the present invention.

Specifically, Brown et al. discloses an adaptor including two components 2 and 4 that are integrally linked by a flexible strap 6. Each of the components 2 and 4 includes a semicircular recess (unnumbered in Fig. 2), which receives a pin 15 of a wiper blade when the two components 2 and 4 are assembled. As the pin 15 is mounted on the wiper blade, the pin 15 corresponds to the pivot pin (9) of the wiper blade (1) in the present invention. Thus, the semicircular recesses correspond to recess (32B) of the base member (21) and the recess (45, 46) of the locking member (22), which is designed to receive the pivot pin (9) of the wiper blade (1).

The Brown adaptor is connectable to a U-hook type wiper arm (see Figs. 5-6). When the adaptor is connected with a wiper arm, the two components 2 and 4 fit into a U-shaped space 32 of a U-hook type wiper arm. However the adaptor lacks any feature that would permit connection with a side pin of a side-pin type wiper arm. In contrast, the arcuate recess (33A) of the base member (21) and the part-circular recesses (47, 48) of the locking member (22) of Applicant's invention are designed to receive the side pin (11) of the side-pin type wiper arm (10). Accordingly the adaptor disclosed in the Brown reference has no feature that corresponds to the arcuate recess (33A) and the part-circular recesses (47, 48) recited in claim 1.

In view of the above, it is submitted that the present application is now clearly in condition for allowance. The Examiner therefore is requested to pass this case to issue.

In the event that the Examiner has any comments or suggestions of a nature necessary to place this case in condition for allowance, then the Examiner is requested to contact Applicant's undersigned attorney by telephone to promptly resolve any remaining matters.

Respectfully submitted,

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